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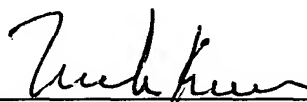
This application is a divisional application of U.S. application Serial No. 09/520,836. By the present amendment, the specification has been amended to provide a Cross-Reference to Related Application, the abstract has been replaced by a new abstract, and claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been canceled, with claim 7 being rewritten in independent form and claims 12 and 13 being amended to depend from claim 7. Further, a new dependent claim 17 has been provided.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and Reaffirmation of Claim for Priority.

Entry of the preliminary amendments and examination of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.38315VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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